

THE HICKMAN COURIER.

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New Orleans' corn market has held pretty firm and steady, but in the Northern markets, it has been dull and heavy. Atlanta, Augusta, and interior Southern points, it has produced something from raw material more valuable than it was, and less value from other sections to yours. Put your money into manufacturing establishments, and competition in merchandise and every- thing else will surely follow as there is any need for it.

THE TRADE ON THE ANNIE SIL- ver.—Kirk Marsh, the young man who killed Daniel Blake, the second clerk of the steamer Annie Silver, and slightly wounded the captain and one of the pilots, on the up-rib of that boat, near New Madrid, last Friday, is pronounced hopelessly insane. The first reports which reached us, were to the effect that the killing was done by a drunken desperado, but an old citizen of New Madrid, who has known young Marsh for many years, informs us that he is a young man of good character, sober, quiet, and innocent, and all parties acquainted with the young man and the circumstances of the sad tragedy, are satisfied that it was un- mistakably the act of insanity. Young Marsh is an aspirant, residing near New Madrid, and had been to Memphis to sell his horse, and was taken sick on board the Annie Silver, on his return. He was traveling on deck, but when the officers of the boat learned that he was sick they kindly provided a room for him in the cabin. It was known to be delirious—out of his mind, before the shooting occurred, but of course no one anticipated the terrible bent his delirium would take, and hence no guard was placed over him. In his wildness, young Marsh conceived the idea that the boat had passed New Madrid, and that they were wilfully and foolishly carrying him from his home. Possessed of this idea, he rushed from his bed to the top of the boat, pistol in hand, and commenced shooting. He first shot at a waiter boy, who was sweeping on the Texas, but missed him. Just at this moment the clerk and one of the pilots were coming out of the pilot house, and he fired at the clerk, Mr. Blake, with fatal precision, and killing him instantly. He then leveled his revolver at the pilot, a Mr. Burnham, when Capt. Silver caught his weapon, and, in his efforts to hold it, it was discharged, the ball passing through the Captain's finger and grazing the pilot's head. Marsh, owing to the pistol so desperately and tenaciously that an iron poker had to be used to break his grasp, and in so doing the fleshy man's hand and wrist were broken and beaten almost into a jelly. Being finally conquered and bound with strong cords, on landing at New Madrid the musket was delivered to the proper authorities.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

HICKMAN, Ky., Jan. 24, 1881. Councilor Present—C. L. Faris, Campbell, Bachelor, member of the French Masonic Lodge absent, one of the Councilmen Faris was called to the chair. C. L. Randle, Councilman elected, appeared, and the oath of office was administered by T. M. French, Circuit Court Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

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COTTON rules firm at previous quotations. We quote choice white at 4 cents on river bank. Delivered in warehouse 48 cents per bushel.

COFFEE, Wool and Hides in demand at St. Louis quotations.

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The State School Superintendent warns teachers in this State not to sell their school scrip; or it will be promptly paid.

A bill has been introduced into the Missouri Legislature to re-establish the whipping post, but there is little probability that it will pass.

Don J. Stovard Johnson, of Frankfort, publishes a card, announcing that he will not be a candidate for Governor, &c. He would abdicate the gubernatorial chair.

The census returns show that Carter county has about 1,000 more males than females, whilst Johnson county has about 2,000 more females than males. The Frankfort Yeoman wants to know what's the matter up there?

The Calloway News suggests as most factors for the consideration of the Legislature (1) some provision by which a portion of the vast multitudes of emigrants may be attracted to Kentucky, and (2) the improvement of the school system of the State.

Blaine, as Garfield's Secretary of State, means vigorous opposition to Grant ever being elected President of the United States. Blaine is the one prominent Republican who was not willing to be absorbed by Grant—wants the Presidency himself.

WADE HAMPTON has got into a fuss with the editor of the Charleston (S. C.) Mercury, and ends the discussion by "stop my paper." Hampton has been our beau ideal of a chivalrous statesman, but this little piece of work, together with his challenge to Sherman, has dropped him considerably in our estimation.

THERE is a boom in the marble and stone business at Princeton, says the Banner. A company there has the offer of unlimited capital to put up machinery, &c., and the marble will be put in the best markets of the United States. The Banner says the marble compares favorably with the finest Italian.

DOWN with Mormonism or Polygamy, is now the slogan of Congress has got to meet. Utah is the only place in the United States where a man can legally have more than one wife. There it is considered a religious duty, and in the States they put parties in the penitentiary for the same offense. The strong arm of the Government must crush the twin relic.

The speeches in Congress, last week, denouncing England for perfidy and swindling, created a sensation. Our Secretary of State thinks the denunciation all wrong, and that England will correct any error or wrong when shown. The charge is that England swindled our Government by collecting several millions of fraudulent claims in the Fishery awards, and did it knowingly.

For our part, we would like to see Kentucky have a new constitution, hoping that our voice voting would be changed to voting by ballot. The main way of singeing out your sentiments at the polls by word of mouth, sounds heroic, but we don't think it obtains the real sentiment of the people as fairly as the ballot. As honest men, having due regard for the rights of others, think of this question, with out prejudice.

The *Fulton Index* writes to a business man of Hickman, "the Index has the largest circulation of any paper in the county, PERHAPS." We don't accuse the *Index* of uttering that which is not true, but in the language of our courteous neighbor, the Mayfield Democrat, it "omitted the elements necessary to form a consistency sufficiently resembling the truth to be taken for it." It's all right. Young roosters must learn to crow.

CANDIDATES for the Legislature are announcing themselves in the different counties of this State. Generally they are being required to advocate a constitutional convention. This proposition has been twice defeated, by a sheer want of interest in turning out to vote. The last time it carried by a large majority, but not a majority of the whole vote. The votes of all absences, sick, and dead, since the last census counts as a vote against it.

THERE has been considerable talk, but so far there are no announced candidates for the Legislature from this and Hickman county. Now is a good time for the people to "press" a good man, and not wait to choose between "greater and lesser" evils after awhile. Some fellows will imagine themselves loudly called, in a few weeks, into the track, and then there will be no good way to get them off. It's a respectable place, and a respectable man ought to represent us.

The Tennessee Dark Horse.
[From the Louisville Courier Journal.]

Judge Bowen P. Jackson, U. S. Senator.

A dispatch received from Nashville, Wednesday, announces the termination of the long, protracted and exciting contest for United States Senator, by the election of Bain Howell E. Jackson, a Democrat, of Madison county. The Republicans pushed Maynard up to within two votes of an election, one Democrat voting for him and it being well understood that several other Democrats were "shaky" and not to be depended upon under all circumstances. Senator Bailey, the State credit Democratic candidate, had excited the uncompromising opposition of a dozen or so Low Tax Democratic members who would not vote for Bailey in any emergency, but were ready to elect almost any other Democrat. This being evident, Senator Bailey's friends, who had stuck to him so long and so faithfully, at the instance of their chief withdrew his name, which was being done blotted every hope of Republican success.

Judge Jackson, the Senator elect, is comparatively unknown to fame, either State or national. In this sense he is a "very dark horse." He is a lawyer of the city of Jackson, and of very marked ability. He is an unassuming Democrat, but has never been allowed. Let the colored population agree upon a bill to be presented in the next Legislature, making it imperative that a colored school shall be taught in each district in the State where there are colored children in sufficient numbers living, and that the pro rata distribution of school money shall be the same as the whites. There is a better feeling on this subject in the State than that existing in 1857 and in '68, which brought forth some unjust legislation as to the negroes—subsequently repealed, however.

Congress.
No vote yet on the Mississippi Improvement bill.

No bankrupt bill will pass this session.

Grounds for Divorce.

In a divorce case in Cincinnati, the court took decision to correct a misconception in the public mind in regard to the grounds for divorce. The case was that of Bertha Dells v. John Dells. The wife left the husband on account of his drunken habits. He was a drunkard when she married him, and she knew the fact. The court said:

"The plaintiff herself having left the defendant, the only ground I upon which a divorce could be granted was gross conduct on the part of the defendant, being a drunkard when she married him, and the plaintiff knew the fact of his intemperance, known to her, his habits of dissipation continued, in consequence of which he failed to provide support. The court was unable to find that he earned any more after his marriage than he did at the time of his marriage." The case was dismissed.

Kentucky's Next Senator.

The fact that Senator Williams' friends are working openly against candidates for the Legislature, in the central part of the State, who are known or suspected as being favorable to Mr. Beck's reelection, creates a sensation, and, if true, will bring up a hot contest. Williams and Beck live in adjoining counties, and Williams' friends think one or the other will be ratified at the expiration of their term. Beck not only beat Cerro Gordo to secure his own election, but it is an undoubted work zealously against him to elect Judge Lindsey. This is a conceded fact, and hence Cerro Gordo proposes to pay him back in his own coin. The paper have it that Senator Williams is casting the weight of his influence for Judge Lindsey at the end of consolidating his friends and the Southern Kentucky members. We don't believe that the entire cordiality is any good between Lindsey and Williams, and this, with other reasons, causes us to suspect that Hon. Dr. Turner, and not Judge Lindsey, will be the favorite and most available candidate for the Williams men to count upon. We speak by conjecture, and in no sense by authority, as the Clinton Democrat intimates.

The Colored Sensation.

Some colored politicians of Kentucky are seeking to create a sensation in the political world by a suit in the United States Court to compel a division of the common school fund in this State between white and colored children alike. Under the present law, in this State the entire revenue derivable from taxes paid by colored people, from every source whatever, is appropriated exclusively to the education of the colored people. The colored man is asked to pay no taxes for the ordinary current expenses of the State, but the white man shoulders all the burden, and pays the school tax for the white schools besides. If the colored politicians could accomplish their purpose of causing a common pro rata, we doubt if the colored schools would gain a cent by the arrangement, while the white per capita would be decreased very materially. It may prove successful in breaking up the common school system of the State.

The Pension Business.

Senator Hoar has introduced a bill "to provide for retired and retiring Presidents." It proposes to pay annually to every ex-President of the United States a sum equal to one fourth of the salary paid him while in office. Judges of the Supreme Court and army officers are already pensioned. It is understood that Mr. Hayes will retire from office with \$150,000, savings of his salary. The other day we read of a Judge retiring on a pension, and immediately thereafter accepting the position of attorney for a railroad company at a salary of \$10,000 a year. Let this extension of the pension business go on, and directly it will reach the point that five-tenths of the people will have to roll up to support in luxurious idleness the remaining tenth—ex-office holders.

The Mexican Congress has adjourned to April 1. During the recent session a remarkable large number of railway concessions were granted by the Government to American capitalists, and Congress will have to pass upon the terms in the spring. The Government's Administration seems fully alive to the necessity for tying our sister republic to the United States by cords of steel. When the roads are built, the obstructive tariffs of the two republics must be liberally reduced to accommodate trade.

Our Inflammatory Negroes.

[From the Louisville Courier Journal.]
The colored people of Lincoln county should have thought twice before issuing the "address" they have had before the public. They can obtain nothing they ask save through the Legislature of the State, and they should bottle up their enthusiasm until that body meets. It is scarcely worth while to notice the absurd misrepresentations embodied in the address, but when the wonderful Dr. Fitz Butler, Prof. Stewart and other colored citizens say, "In this State we are not needed in our life, liberty and property, *of which we take care*," then the time has come when the colored people are hardy enough to demand a redress of grievances.

The prisoners now confined in the Kentucky penitentiary are passing their days after this prescribed manner. As

early in the morning as the guard on

the wall can see from one guard to the other (a precaution necessary to prevent prisoners escaping in the dark) the prison bell is rung and the convicts marched from their cells to the yard where they wash their faces and make their preparations for breakfast. This usually occurs about half past six o'clock during the winter and about 5 o'clock during the summer. The meals are served on the lower floor of the two story brick building in the center of the yard, the upper floor of which is used for dining rooms. They march double file into the breakfast room, the negroes on one side taking possession of two tables and the whites on the other taking possession of two other tables. After breakfast they form into a column and march to their respective assigned tasks, at which they must labor diligently and unceasingly, without intermission, excepting for short rests, until the bell rings at 12 o'clock. They are sent until half past 12 to make their preparations for dinner. They then take the same procedure to the dinner table as they do to breakfast, and there remain, until nearly one o'clock. One o'clock finds them again laboring at their work. In winter they quit work about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, eat their supper and march to their cells about 5:30 o'clock. The guards on the cell doors call the roll as the prisoners pass, to ascertain whether any one of the number is missing. When the convict reaches his cell door, he remains standing there, face outward until the "right" bell is rung. The cell door then shut to him, the law requiring all convicts to be securely locked in their cells before dark, and the convict left until next morning to commune on his life and prospects.

In some instances, where the convicts have behaved properly and can read, a lamp and such books or papers are given to them as the Warren or Clayhanger may direct. Time with these may pass somewhat agreeably in the cells, with the most of the convicts all profound silence and darkness until the prison bell rings next morning. Thus they have twenty long weary hours in which they may think or sleep. Among the rules adopted by the present Board of Directors, the following are a few that refer to this subject, and also visitors, and may perhaps be of some service to the reader:

"First—Visitors must faithfully and intelligently obey all orders, observe the broken silence and execute their work to the best of their ability."

"Second—They are not to exchange a word with each other unless any person is with them, or is engaged in some game or amusement, and who has no acquaintance with them, and who is not a member of the same society as the犯人."

"Third—They must approach the guards in a respectful manner, and be brief in their communications."

"Fourth—They must not look at visitors, but give them their whole attention to their work."

"Visitors must not be permitted to enter the prison except under the care of an officer or guard. They shall not indulge in foul language, insulting or any personal allusion to prisoners by remarks, pointing or otherwise."

Grocery Police.

A small box containing a telephone connection with central and distant police stations, and an ingenious and novel piece of mechanism for securing a police alarm is safely fastened to the ceiling of the prison.

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and can read, a lamp and such

books or papers are given to them as the

Warren or Clayhanger may direct.

Time with these may pass somewhat

agreeably in the cells, with the most

of the convicts all profound silence

and darkness until the prison bell

rings next morning. Thus they have

twenty long weary hours in which

they may think or sleep. Among the

rules adopted by the present Board of

Directors, the following are a few that refer to this subject, and also visitors, and may perhaps be of some service to the reader:

"First—Visitors must faithfully

and intelligently obey all orders,

observe the broken silence and

execute their work to the best of

their ability."

"Second—They are not to exchange

a word with each other unless

any person is with them, or is

engaged in some game or amusement,

and who has no acquaintance with

them, and who is not a member of the

same society as the犯人."

"Third—They must approach the

guards in a respectful manner,

and be brief in their communications."

"Fourth—They must not look at

visitors, but give them their whole

attention to their work."

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